THE BROKEN CON ON THE LADY AND THE PIRATE" OF EMERSON HOUGH AUTHOR OF "THE LADY AND THE PIRATE" "JOHN RAWN" ETC. Consequent of Proceeding Chapters All of Sides and Side

way out to the light of day. And yet you are young and beautiful—and might be tender. Does not reason counsel with you?"

be tender. Does not reason counsel with you?"

"I hate you!" was all she could stay, and that one phrase she repeated over and that one phrase she repeated over and over again. The smile on Sachlo's face passed from malice to anger.

"Take her, men!" he said, "and mick. We must march."

"Ah, well," said Kitty Gray, "It should not prove so difficult. I am unarmed and a woman—I am helpless and innocent of any wrong against you. Perhaps with half a squadron of troops you men of Grahoffen may be held enough to effect such a capture."

"Mademoiselle," said Sachlo, "It is to waste words. Give over to me the piece of parchment which I know you have."

"I will not." said she calmiy.

"Search her, inen!" said Sachlo.

Take away from her what she has—be careful not to tear it more."

She was helpless and realized it. Slowly she drew from her bosom the folded piece of parchment which she had concealed.

"Well, then." said she, "since you re-

folded piece of parchment which she had concealed.

"Well, then." said she, "since you resort to such measures, here it is—I do not deny it. I found it. So did you. At least it is as much mine as yours—and more mine, because I did not lose what once I found. But as to what it means, I know nothing. I never aw it before."

"Very well, then." said Sachio. "We will see if we can read its additional riddle at some later time. Now we must so."

without question has been taken prisoner. We must rescue her. We must do that for every reason in the world—for her own safety and our own—"And for my own peace of mind." he added, sotto voce, as, hasgard, he turned away to find such relief as he could in the countless duties which now were to devolve upon him amid the wreck of a government and the ruin of a city.

Although the forces of the King of Grahoffen had been worsted in strategy and had given their parole in order to save their lives in the flooded chambers of the dungeon levels, the kingdom itself, its ruler, and its leading men seemed to feel little of the terror common with those actually defeated. Upon the contrary, old Cortislaw and his nobles were victims not so much of terror as of chagrin. Neither were they disposed too scrupiously to observe their own plighted word, which had purchased life and liberty. Prassing from the limits of the beleaguered capital, they did not scorn to take such loot as lay at hand, or to carry with them such prisoners as pleased them. Among these latter it chanced that they had one more prisoner whose freedom might much have altered the course of events in this complex little drama.

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why that was done which you now pro- ter.. "Keep her under guard.

pose doing."

The very boldness of this speech—which at least was more than half true—struck a certain note in the minds of these leaders which gave them pause. Cortislaw turned to his courtier and cortislaw turned to his courtier and made query in a gesture. Sachlo seemed to assent. "Take her away, men," said the lat-



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